

# Park Avenue Synagogue Bulletin

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"And everyone...whose spirit moved him came."

—Exodus 35:21



**Fashion Retrospective of the last 125 Years**

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## We need happiness, those fleeting moments of joy that enter and leave our lives without warning.

**M**uted" might be too mild a word to describe New Year's Eve (called Sylvester) in Israel; it is a non-event. Many of those on the Synagogue's Israel trip began their journey home in the hour just before or after the start of the new year. We spent New Year's Eve in Ben Gurion Airport! Some of our college kids purchased drinks with which to celebrate as we awaited our departure, and I jokingly offered them the use of my shofar in lieu of a noisemaker. If anyone was waiting for a midnight announcement or good wishes to be broadcast over the airport's public address system, s/he was sorely disappointed. What a contrast to the way we celebrate the secular new year in the United States!

It got me thinking not just about comparing December 31st/January 1st both here and there, but also about the differences between the secular new year and Rosh HaShanah.

We use horns on both of them. But the purpose of noisemakers is just to make noise—revelry for the sake of revelry; the purpose of the shofar is to penetrate our very being, to pierce our souls. January 1st is a time for making New Year's



resolutions that generally deal with the physical and material: watching what we eat, beginning exercise regimens (again), budgeting our money... On Rosh HaShanah we turn much more introspective: our focus is on bettering ourselves, our relationships with family, friends and God. On Rosh HaShanah we also reflect on how to budget, but our emphasis is on how to budget our time and our money *more meaningfully*. New Year's Eve disqualifies the young and the infirm who cannot stay up late; Rosh HaShanah, which begins just prior to sunset, enfranchises everyone.

So, which is better...New Year's Eve or Rosh HaShanah? As a Rabbi, you're probably expecting me to come down in favor of Rosh HaShanah, but the truth is we need both.

We need to take our New Year's Eve resolutions as seriously as we do the ones we vow on Rosh HaShanah, because they are no less important to our lives. And we need happiness (as in "Happy New Year!"), those fleeting moments of joy that enter and leave our lives without warning, as much as we need the goodness (as in *L'Shanah Tova*) that is abiding and that sustains us each and every day.

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## As a new chapter begins, another chapter ends.

**A**t the February 7th Board Meeting, the Rabbinic Search Committee will present their choice for the position of Senior Rabbi. The Board will then vote on this recommendation. Following this meeting, the Board will present its recommendation to the congregation at a Congregational Meeting where the membership will vote on the Board's candidate. When the process is completed, we will have a new Senior Rabbi who will begin on July 1st.



I cannot thank the Search Committee enough for the almost two years of incredible hard work and tremendous devotion to our Synagogue that brings us to this day. Under the leadership of Geoffrey Colvin, the members of the committee are: Joanne Davis, Roger Einiger, Rachael First, Steve Friedman and Brian Lustbader. Menachem Rosensaft and I served as ex-officio members of the committee. This committee has given countless hours in service to the congregation. They have executed their charge with a seriousness of purpose and an understanding of the views of an

extremely diverse community. We all owe them our gratitude for their efforts on our behalf.

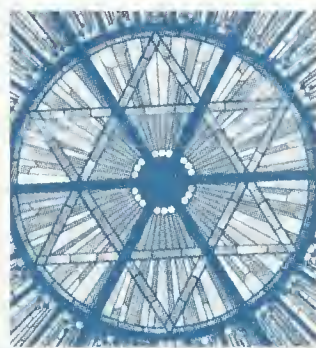
A new Rabbi is a major change for us. It is a transitional moment for our 125 year old synagogue. It is an exciting time. I look forward to the day that each of you will have the opportunity to meet the new Rabbi. He will quickly become an integral part of our synagogue community. You will understand why the choice was made.

As a new chapter begins, another chapter ends. I know that I speak for our entire congregation when I express our gratitude to Rabbi David Lincoln. He has been there for all of us. He has represented our congregation with dignity and commanding respect nationally and internationally. He and Susan have been an important part of our lives for twenty years. I am very glad we will have many opportunities over the next few months to let them know how much they mean to us and I am very happy they will continue to be a part of our community for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI DAVID H. LINCOLN

**Park Avenue Synagogue 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball | Saturday, March 1 | 7:30 pm | Gotham Hall New York**

On Saturday, March 1, at a black tie 125th Anniversary Ball, our congregation will celebrate its rich history and pay festive tribute to Rabbi David H. Lincoln as he prepares to retire from our pulpit. In order to accommodate what will be record-making participation on the part of our community, Gala Co-Chairs Lynn Halbfinger and Marcia Eppler Colvin have moved the event off-site for the first time in many years to Gotham Hall New York, an elegant, seven-story turn-of-the-century gilded ballroom. Past leaders of our congregation, Martin J. Milston, Joel J. Cohen, Nathaniel H. Usdan, Arthur H. Bienenstock, Alan Levine, Robert P. Antler, Geoffrey J. Colvin and Paul S. Schreiber will serve as Honorary Chairs for this milestone event. Commemorative Journal Chair Nancy Hirschtritt is organizing a lasting tribute to our community, to Rabbi Lincoln, and his wife, Susan. We know that everyone will want to participate. Underwriting Chair,



Ivan Lustig and Silent Auction Chairs, Jena Berlinski, Susan Edelstein and Mimi Reisner have organized special activities during cocktails which begin at 7:30 pm, which will help to ensure the financial success of the evening. All congregational members will want to remain until the last dance to collect a one-of-a-kind gift, a hardbound history of the synagogue edited by Jeanie Rosensaft and Joan Scheffler, containing unique materials culled through a several years' long archival project prepared by Laurie Harris and Marcia Stone. A gourmet period menu accompanied by the wonderful Chris Michaels Band will guarantee a festive and memorable evening. Join Nadine Habousha Cohen, Marlene Muskin, Judy Poss and members of their team of Ambassadors, help to reach out to fellow congregants and organize seating, which is limited. Place reservations early for an occasion that you won't want to miss.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS or PLACE AN AD IN THE COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL, contact Lynn Schneider in the synagogue office at 212-369-2600 or [lschneider@pasyn.org](mailto:lschneider@pasyn.org).





## Liturgical Music Service

**Saturday, February 9 | 9:15 am**

**A**s we come to the culmination of the celebration of Park Avenue Synagogue's 125th anniversary, this Music Service will both look back at our rich heritage and preview what the composers of today have to say musically in the synagogue. We will highlight some of our beloved compositions and congregational tunes, and share some fresh, contemporary prayer settings. Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson will be joined by our Congregational Singers, the Synagogue Concert Choir under the direction of Neil Robinson, and our Congregational School Youth Chorale directed by Brian Gelfand. During this service we will also celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Wasserman.

This will be the 32nd annual Shapiro Music Service, inaugurated in 1977 by the late George M. Shapiro, in memory of his parents Sarah and Samuel Shapiro. With the recent passing of Rita Shapiro, this year's service is supported by the Shapiros' daughter, Karen Spector, in memory of both of her parents.

The entire Park Avenue Synagogue community is invited to this gala Shabbat Music Service, which will be followed by a reception sponsored by Karen and Richard Spector in honor of the artists, and by Randi Goldberg and Steven Wasserman in honor of Josh's Bar Mitzvah.

Come, let us sing joyously to the Lord  
raise a shout for our rock and deliverer;  
let us come into His presence with praise;  
let us raise a shout for Him in song!

—Psalm 95

**Mincha** Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm. Saturdays as noted.

**Daily Minyanim** Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am, except as noted.

**Hashkama** Saturdays and Yom Tov at 7:30 am, except as noted.

**Friday, February 1** 25 Sh'vat

Light Candles: 4:55 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Children's Birthday Service

**Saturday, February 2** 26 Sh'vat

Parashat Mishpatim

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Goldberg

SON OF ERICA AND DR. ANDREW GOLDBERG

10:15 am Jr. Congregation

11:15 am Nitzanim Service

5:30 pm Mincha

**Sunday, February 3** 27 Sh'vat

9:00 am Men's Club World Wide Wrap

**Wednesday, February 6** 30 Sh'vat

Rosh Chodesh Adar I

**Thursday, February 7** 1 Adar I

Rosh Chodesh Adar I

**Friday, February 8** 2 Adar I

Light Candles: 5:03 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

**Saturday, February 9** 3 Adar I

Parashat Terumah

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Annual Liturgical Musical Service

Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Wasserman

SON OF RANDI GOLDBERG AND STEVEN WASSERMAN

9:30 am Havurah Service

10:15 am Jr. Congregation

11:15 am Tot Shabbat

11:15 am Nitzanim Service

5:30 pm Mincha

**Thursday, February 14** 8 Adar I

7:30 pm Healing Service

**Friday, February 15** 9 Adar I

Light Candles: 5:12 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

6:15 pm Men's Club Shabbat Service/Dinner \$ ©

**Saturday, February 16** 10 Adar I

Parashat Tetzaveh

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Bat Mitzvah of Sabrina Rizzi

DAUGHTER OF DR. LISA RIZZI AND STEVEN RIZZI

5:45 pm Mincha

**Wednesday, February 20** 14 Adar I

Purim Koton

**Friday, February 22** 16 Adar I

Light Candles: 5:20 pm

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

**Saturday, February 23** 17 Adar I

Parashat Ki Sisa

9:00 am Shabbat HaKavod Service and Kiddush

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

5:45 pm Mincha

**Friday, February 29** 23 Adar I

Light Candles: 5:28 pm

5:00 pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together  
with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir,  
with Neil Robinson at the organ.

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## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fashion Retrospective

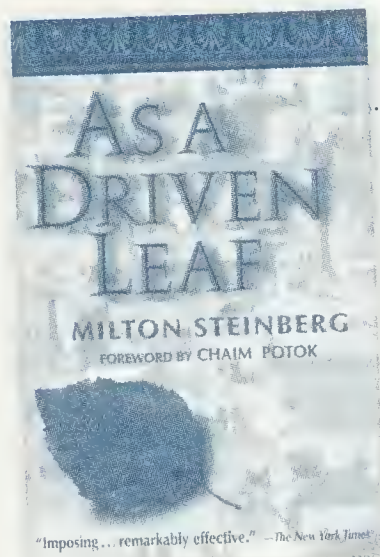
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**Tuesday, February 5 | 7:00 pm**

Come to see and enjoy—to ogle and wish for—to reminisce, to laugh at and to get ideas from—a fashion show reflecting our history, with models and fashions from our own members. Indulge in home-made refreshments while getting a unique perspective on the historic context of our congregation through the clothes that our own men and women wore from the 1880s to the most current fashions.

**Shoshanna Lonstein Gruss**, a resident of the Upper East Side, is the designer of the popular and highly respected line of attractive, wearable sportswear, dresses and swimwear that are sold in many of the best department and specialty stores here and throughout the country.

*Shoshanna*



## Great Synagogue Read-In

**Tuesday, February 12 | 7:00- 9:00 pm | No charge**

Our annual congregation-wide book discussion will focus on "As A Driven Leaf," the great classic novel of Jewish literature written by our own late Rabbi Milton Steinberg. We will concentrate our program to this one night, when our special guest will be Rabbi Burton L. Visotzky of the Jewish Theological Seminary. His talk, "Summon Me and I Will Respond" (Job 13:22) will look at the book from

the perspective of an American Jew, a Rabbi, JTS professor of Midrash, and an author; but most significantly, as one of many thousands of Jews who were drawn to rabbinic Judaism due to its pull.



THERE IS STILL TIME TO READ THE FASCINATING AND ACCESSIBLE NOVEL, WHICH IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE LIFELONG LEARNING OFFICE, EXT 140.

**Rabbi Burton L. Visotzky** serves as the Nathan and Janet Appleman Professor of Midrash and Interreligious Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he joined the faculty upon his ordination in 1977. He has served as the Associate and Acting Dean of the Graduate School, as the founding Rabbi of the egalitarian worship service of the Seminary Synagogue, and as the director of the Louis Finkelstein Institute for Religious and Social Studies at JTS.



*Certificate of  
Bar Mitzvah*

*This is to Certify that  
Louis Honig  
became בר מצוה on  
Shabbath Neah the  
fourth day of Heshvan 5769 1998  
in the presence of Congregation  
Park Avenue Synagogue*

## Adult Art Workshops

### Jewish Scrapbooking

**Sundays, February 3 and 10  
2:00-4:00 pm**

*Instrs, Ellen Alt and Sarah Gribetz*

Spend two winter afternoons with old and new photos, family artifacts, pictures from the Israel trip, or a family *simcha*, and learn how to create an album that will have meaning for generations to come. This is a great activity for adults and children over fourth grade—and you will create something to pass along to your children and grandchildren. You will work with our Artist in Residence and Director of Lifelong Learning. PRE-REGISTRATION A MUST. \$50 FOR MEMBERS, \$75 FOR NON-MEMBERS. FEE INCLUDES ALL MATERIALS.

**Contact** the Office of Lifetime Learning,  
[llys@pasyn.org](mailto:llys@pasyn.org).





## Healing Service

**Thursday, February 14 | 7:30 pm | Appelman Chapel**

Our newest liturgical offering, a monthly Healing Service, will be conducted on Thursday, February 14, at 7:30 pm. This brief and intimate service is specifically designed for those with cares to unburden, hopes and yearnings to express. It is meant to be a vehicle for expressing concerns of a personal nature (or your concern for someone else)—whatever is on your mind and in your heart. We hope that the inspiration and strength you will receive from participating in this service will lead to restoration of body and soul. (*r'fu'at ha'nefesh, u'r'fu'at ha'guf*). THE SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE APPELMAN CHAPEL.

**For further information,** please call Rabbi Kenneth Stern at 212-369-2600, ext. 123.

## Purim Spiel | Rehearsal schedule: Sundays, February 3, 10 and 24 | 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Calling one and all to have the most fun you've ever had participating in an activity at Park Avenue Synagogue! After a 20-year hiatus, we are resurrecting the P.A.S. tradition of putting on a Purim Spiel, which will be performed on March 20th. We need singers, dancers, actors and people to work behind the scenes creating costumes and scenery, so that we can produce an entertaining and silly Purim Spiel. The performance

will last for approximately 20 minutes. Mandatory rehearsals will be held on Sunday mornings with additional weeknight rehearsals in March. So, all of you yearning to portray Haman, Esther, Mordecai, Vashti, Ahaseurus, a virgin, a wise man and all of you who want to sing, dance, paint or sew, please join us in this community-building experience which is going to be lots of fun! There's a part for everyone who wants to participate!

**Please contact** Cantor Abramson at 212-369-2600 ext.125 or [nabramson@pasyn.org](mailto:nabramson@pasyn.org) if you would like to be part of this Purim production.

## JTS/P.A.S. Home Study Program

**Tuesday, February 19 | 7:30 pm | Location to be announced**

Another wonderful JTS home study is planned, featuring Dr. Marjorie Lehman, assistant professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at The Jewish Theological Seminary. Please respond to the invitation, which you will get in the mail, including details of the program.

**Dr. Marjorie Lehman** is assistant professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at The Jewish Theological Seminary. Dr. Lehman's scholarly interests are focused on the *Ein Yaakov*, an early sixteenth-century collection of Talmudic Aggadah. By writing about and teaching classes on the *Ein Yaakov*, Dr. Lehman intends to increase scholarly interest in this collection. She is presently revising her dissertation, "A Talmudic Anthology of Aggadah: Examining the *Ein Yaakov*," for publication. A portion of this work has appeared in "Prooftexts" (1999) under the title "The *Ein Yaakov*: A Collection of Aggadah in Transition."





## Men's Club

**Men's Club World Wide Wrap** | Sunday February 3 | 9:00 am. (Arrive at 8:45 am) | No charge

Join in this annual event in which Men's Club members around the world pray together at their Synagogue's Morning Minyan and improve their *t'fillin* skills. All are welcome from B'nei Mitzvot to beginners to experts. A gala brunch will follow.

## Men's Club

**Super Bowl Bash** | Sunday February 3 | 6:00 pm | \$ ②

For the entire family. The Bash will be bigger and better than ever before, with wide screen TVs, children's activities, improved menu options, and drinks.

SPONSORED BY THE MEN'S CLUB WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG COUPLES AND SINGLES COMMITTEE.

\$15 per person, \$10 MC members, \$5 per child. \$5 Surcharge at the door. We will not be able to accommodate walk-ins.

\$ ② **Reservations are essential:** call Cathy Costello 212-372-2117.

## Men's Club

**Shabbat Service and Dinner** | Friday, February 15 | 6:15 pm | \$ ②

\$ ② **Reservations necessary for Dinner,** through the Synagogue office. \$35 per person.

## Men's Club

**Hearing Men's Voices** | Wednesday, February 20 | 8:00 pm | ②

This program within the Men's Club provides small groups of men a setting to talk with each other about common life issues in a relaxed, confidential, facilitated setting.

## Sisterhood

**Daytime Book Discussion Group** | Monday, February 11 | 11:00 am

Join us in the Rothschild Library for a discussion of "The Radetzky March," by Joseph Roth. Coffee and cake will be served. If you would like the reading list and schedule for this group, please call Dr. Renee Waldinger at 212-860-4308. Membership is open to everyone at P.A.S.

## Sisterhood Yiddish Club

**Tuesday, February 12 | 1:00 pm**

The Yiddish Club will hold its monthly meeting in the Rothschild Library. Coffee and cake will be served. Join us for conversation and Yiddish culture--poetry, stories, music, theater, and film. Even if your Yiddish is very rusty, don't hesitate to come.

**For more information about the Yiddish Club,** call Florence Solomon at 212-369-3856.

## Sisterhood Film Program

**Film About America, the Jews, and the Second World War** | Tuesday, February 26 | 1:00 pm | No charge

In the last few years, there has been a great deal of controversy about the policies of the Roosevelt Administration toward the emigration of European Jews during the 1930s and toward the rescue of Jewish refugees during the Second World War. Join Sisterhood for a viewing and discussion of a film that takes a penetrating look at these issues. The film presents a troubling picture of U.S. society, which was beset by anti-Semitism at the time, and a government that not only delayed action, but also suppressed information and blocked rescue efforts. All are welcome to see this film. A light lunch will be provided.

## Synagogue Family

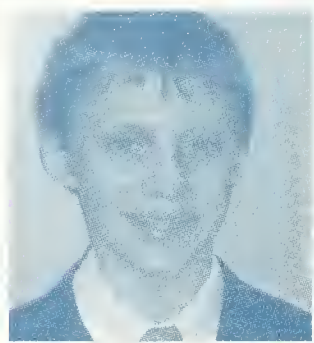
**Welcome to P.A.S.** Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Amanda and Jason Fenton

Leigh and Jay Schwartzreich

Laura and Adrian Weller





### Alexander Joseph Goldberg | February 2

Alex is a Seventh Grader at the Robert F. Wagner Middle School. He has been a P.A.S. student since age three in the Early Childhood Center. He has reinforced his Jewish education with trips to Israel as part of the first P.A.S. Congregational Trip in 2004 and again with his family in 2007.

An accomplished musician, Alex has been studying classical guitar for five years and plays the drums in the band at Wagner. Alex enjoys many sports, and plays football in the Wagner after-school program.

Alex's Torah portion, *Mishpatim*, is an elaboration of laws developed after the liberation from Egypt, which governed economic relations among the Hebrews. In its broadest sense, *Mishpatim* demonstrates the close attention to justice and equity which is part of the bedrock of Jewish ethics.

Alex and his family would like to thank Rabbis Lincoln and Stern, and Cantors Lefkowitz and Abramson for helping to strengthen his spiritual identity as a Jew and for preparing him for his Bar Mitzvah. He'd also like to thank all of his friends in *Havurah* who helped him to perfect the *Ashrei*.



### Joshua Benjamin Wasserman | February 9

Josh's roots at Park Avenue Synagogue go back a long way. His parents were married by Rabbi Nadich and Cantor Lefkowitz, his maternal grandparents became members of the Synagogue over 30 years ago, and his uncle became a Bar Mitzvah at P.A.S. Josh began his life making daily visits to P.A.S. to bring his sister to the Early Childhood Center. He later attended the P.A.S.ECC himself and continued at the Congregational School.

Josh is currently a Seventh Grader at the Dalton School where he is a member of the football and baseball teams. He is passionate about the Yankees, enjoys learning about ancient history and military history and loves to travel.

Josh and his family recently returned from a trip to Israel with P.A.S. where he was called to the torah with his Congregational School classmates.

Many thanks to all of Josh's teachers, the clergy and to Marian Turk for helping Josh prepare for his special day.



### Sabrina Nicole Rizzi | February 16

Sabrina is thrilled to finally be a Bat Mitzvah, after celebrating the B'nai Mitzvah of several cousins and friends. She has been a regular at Park Avenue Synagogue since starting in the purple room at age 3½, and has fond memories of all her P.A.S. Early Childhood Center teachers. Sabrina attends (and loves) the Salk School of Science, a NYC middle school in Gramercy Park, where she is currently a Seventh Grader.

She enjoys spending spare time skateboarding, snowboarding, and playing Justin Timberlake songs on the piano, as well as singing, dancing and acting –pretty much all the time.

She thanks the clergy, the Congregational School educators, and everyone else at P.A.S. who helped her reach this milestone. Sabrina will be donating a portion of her Bat Mitzvah gifts to Shalva, a Jerusalem-based organization she visited during her family trip to Israel in 2005 that helps families with mentally and physically challenged children live normal lives.

*Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:*

## Condolences

Jay Abramson, *on the loss of his father, Edwin Abramson;*  
 Caren Constantiner, *on the loss of her father, Stanley Sturza;*  
 Tobette Feinberg (Toby), *on the loss of her mother, Ruth Feinberg;*  
 Deborah F. Jacobs, *on the loss of her mother, Barbara Fass;*  
 Farah Kleiner, *on the loss of her father, Gary J. Greenberg*  
*Family and friends of the late Dr. Jacob L. Oberman;*  
 J. Alexandra Sobell, *at the loss of her mother, Grace Sobell.*

**Note:** if you have family news to share with the congregation, please contact Lynn Schneider at the synagogue office: 212-369-2600 or [lschneider@pasyn.org](mailto:lschneider@pasyn.org).





## Learn Hebrew on Mondays | \$ ①

THE 2ND TRIMESTER WILL EXTEND TO MARCH 31

### Siddur Hebrew—Level I—Beginners

**Mondays, February 4, 11, and 25 | 6:30-7:30 pm**

**Dina Mann, Instructor**

*No knowledge of Hebrew necessary*

### Siddur Hebrew—Level II—Intermediate

**Mondays, February 4 and 25 (no class Feb. 11) | 6:30-7:30 pm**

**Sarah Gribetz, Instructor**

### Advanced Beginner's Conversational Hebrew

**Mondays, February 4, 11, and 25 | 6:30-7:30 pm**

**Andi Meiseles, Instructor**

### Modern Hebrew for Intermediate and Advanced Students

**Mondays, February 4, 11, and 25 | 7:30-8:30 pm**

**Varda Hubara, Instructor**

\$ ① All courses listed above require advance registration and payment.  
\$50/ per trimester for members  
\$75/ per trimester for non-members

**Contact** the Office of Lifelong Learning at 212-369-2600 ext. 140.



## Raising Your Jewish Child

**Wednesday, February 6 | 10:30 am | \$ ①**

*Instrs, Sarah Gribetz, Lisa Samick and Dina Mann*

This class is designed for parents of young children, from infants and toddlers to pre-schoolers and school-aged children. Sessions will cover the basics of home rituals, including celebrating Shabbat and holidays, bedtime and meals, as well as ideas of how best to integrate as a family into communal and synagogue life. People of all backgrounds are welcome.

\$ ① Free of charge to those enrolled in HaMishpachah Sheli and/or JAMS. Enrollment open to all members at a cost of \$75 for the series.



## Expecting? Before the Stork Arrives

**Wednesday, February 6 | 8:00 pm | No charge**

Spend a calm, leisurely hour with Rabbi Kenneth Stern thinking and talking about Hebrew names, *brit milah*, baby-naming ceremonies, and *pidyon haben*...before the stork arrives and you have to make these decisions amidst the emotions and changes that come with the arrival of your newborn.



### Evening Book Discussion Group

**Monday, February 11 | 8:00 pm** | *No charge*

The monthly meeting of the Evening Book Discussion Group provides a forum for thoughtful discussion of significant and interesting books. All are welcome to join us as we explore many subjects of particular interest to us all.

This month we will consider "Exit Ghost," the latest novel by the noted Philip Roth, and the culmination of his works about his hero and (perhaps) alter-ego, Nathan Zuckerman, as returns to New York City and faces aging and intimacy.

**Contact** Pat Davidson at [alpqt120@aol.com](mailto:alpqt120@aol.com) for more information.



### Study Jewish Thought and Practice with Rabbi Stern | **Tuesday mornings | 11:00 am** | *No charge*

Rabbi Kenneth Stern teaches a course on Jewish thought and practice in an informal roundtable setting in the Rothschild Library. Short readings are used as the basis for wide-ranging discussions of noted thinkers and the issues their work raises for today's Jews. This course is free and open to all members of P.A.S. Don't hesitate to drop in and sample a class.



### Lunch 'n' Learn | **Ongoing Thursdays | 11:00 am-1:00 pm** | *No charge*

*Instrs.* **Members of the Clergy and Education Department**

Meet others and share a learning experience with fellow congregants and the synagogue's professional leadership. Topics are varied. Bring a kosher dairy lunch; coffee will be served.

© **For more information or to register** for any of these classes, contact the Department of Lifelong Learning, at 212-369-2600 ext. 140, or [llys@pasyn.org](mailto:llys@pasyn.org).



### P.A.S. Gallery

#### **P.A.S. Timeline: Selections from our Archives** | **Through June 2008**

This very special exhibition includes a timeline of Park Avenue Synagogue history, juxtaposing P.A.S. milestones with contemporary events in Jewish history, as well as significant events in NYC, American, and world history. The exhibit cases feature significant artifacts from the P.A.S. Archives collection. The Exhibition Committee, chaired by Jean Bloch Rosensaft, working closely with Archives Co-Chairs Laurie Harris and Marcia Stone, has been collecting and organizing this material for over a year. The show begins with the history of the founding congregations, and then surveys the decades from the 1920s through the 125th Anniversary

year. The display of documents, photographs, and artifacts illuminates the sequential development of the synagogue's three structures and the role of contemporary art commissions for the Adolph Gottlieb stained glass windows and Nathan Rapoport façade sculptures. The exhibition highlights the generations of clergy who have led our synagogue with commitment and vision and their distinguished contributions to P.A.S., the Jewish community, and world history. It features the special role that P.A.S. has played in the renaissance of Jewish music through the commissioning of liturgical music from the 1940s to the present day.



If you need a spark to get you through a winter day, come check us out.

#### Rabbi Dawn Rose, Ph.D., Library Director

I am happy to report that a significant milestone has been passed in the never ending project of Rothschild Library development!

When I first came to P.A.S. many moons ago, I was met by literally thousands of impressive volumes set neatly on acres of lovely shelving. An advanced computer cataloging system managed these books' catalog records and circulation. Add to that the congenial atmosphere and hundreds of intelligent congregants thirsting for good books, well it seemed I had reached some kind of librarians' olam haba.

In my first few weeks here, however, I discovered lacunae in our composite happiness: 1,500-2000 books on the shelves were nowhere in the computer catalog, nor listed anywhere else. They were essentially lost. Someone could request a title, and I, not seeing it in the catalog, would say we didn't have it, only to happen across that very book a few days or weeks later. It was a terrible situation, though not an uncommon one for libraries transitioning between card and computer catalog.

So we embarked upon an inventory of the entire circulating library. Going book-by-book on the shelf, we found each uncatalogued volume and processed them all accordingly. It took over two years, but today, Tal, my assistant, and I can say with confidence all circulating books are catalogued in the computer.

In the process, we have not only gotten to know the collection intimately, but we have also run across some hidden historic treasures. In the Israel section, for example, we found:

**"Israel Guide"** by Zev Vilnay, 1950. In-depth tour book of the way things were. Very interesting.

**"Destination Palestine: the Story of the Haganah Ship Exodus 1947"**, and **"Israel Without Tears,"** by Ruth Gruber, Zionist journalist, 1950. Both eye-opening and impassioned reportage by the impressive writer who spoke at our Book Fair in November.

**"Israel,"** by Ludwig Lewisohn, 1925. Impassioned Zionist argument by a very well-traveled man of letters.

The whole Israel section is fascinating and inspiring.

Our next long-term project will be to catalog and thus make accessible select scholarly volumes from the library of our late and beloved Rabbi Emeritus, Judah Nadich. Stay tuned for further developments.



#### Perpetual Jewish Film Festival at the Rothschild Library presents

#### "For Your Consideration"

Wednesday, February 13

7:00 pm | No charge

From the quirky gang that produced such off-beat comedies as: *Waiting for Guffman*, *Best in Show*, and *A Mighty Wind* comes a very unique movie which is both comedy and scathing critique of Hollywood, its values and deadly superficiality. Three hardworking actors learn that their respective performances in a film called "Home for Purim" may have catapulted them into Academy Award nominations. In the media melee that follows, the integrity of all three actors and their movie is utterly destroyed by a system which denudes actors and movies of their personality, depth, religion, and ethnicity. The ending isn't funny (rather scary and profound), but much of the rest is, especially the priceless "Home for Purim" scenes which are by themselves worth the price of the ticket (if you had to have one). Catherine O'Hara heads a wildly zany cast.

#### Rothschild Library Hours

Monday: 12:00-6:30 pm | Tuesday: 12:00-6:30 pm | Wednesday: 12:00-8:00 pm | Thursday: 10:00am-6:30 pm



## A Snapshot of Congregational Life, 1957-1987

### The Judah Nadich Years

By Laurie Harris, Co-Chair, Archives Committee

JEWISH SURVIVAL, FAITH AND RITUAL

**J**udah Nadich wrote in his last column in the Bulletin that his mission in life has been “to work for the survival of the Jewish people, with energy, enthusiasm and zeal.” A man of exceptional faith, he stated simply, “I have always been and hope to remain a believer, and that makes me a happy and grateful person.” His faith brought him through World War II as a U.S. Army Chaplain, subsequently serving with General (later President) Eisenhower to improve the conditions of Holocaust survivors. After the war, he embarked on an extended speaking tour addressing Jewish communities in 40 states on behalf of United Jewish Appeal before returning to the pulpit of Kehilith Israel in Brookline, Massachusetts, from 1947 until 1957, when he joined Park Avenue Synagogue. By that time he had also earned a Doctor of Hebrew Literature degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and had written his first book, “Eisenhower and the Jews.”

By the time of Judah Nadich’s arrival at P.A.S., the pulpit had been unoccupied for over a year—the synagogue’s 75th anniversary. According to the outgoing Chairman of the Board, Ezra Cohen, during this period though there were some initial difficulties without “permanent spiritual leadership, the 20 committees and five arms functioned at their utmost, maintaining an enthusiasm in spite of the handicaps which existed.” The incoming Chairman, Joseph Howard Katz, called the filling of the pulpit his number one objective, but in “plain talk” described the candidate of unanimous acclaim as a “utopian dream.” Mr. Katz allowed that the next rabbi would not be a candidate who would “attempt to move the congregation toward orthodoxy or toward reform” but would be a “man who possesses the erudition and eloquence to

spark our religious services and educational programs.”

Park Avenue Synagogue’s institutional challenges from the mid-1950s through the mid-1980s were less daunting than during previous periods in our history, but were still demanding. During this period, coinciding with Rabbi Judah Nadich’s 30 years at P.A.S., his goals and that of the congregation merged into a productive and enriching partnership. Rabbi Nadich’s early remarks to the congregation were to the point: “Let us come together with renewed zeal and with an unflagging awareness of the great potential of P.A.S. for our religious realization and that of our families, for its influence on the community, and its leadership nationally, to write another glorious chapter in the illustrious history of our synagogue.”

Just prior to the arrival of Rabbi Judah Nadich, several important firsts for women occurred. In January 1956, P.A.S. granted a *Petichah*, the privilege of opening the Ark by drawing the curtain at the time of the prayer *Aleinu*, to Mrs. Benjamin Sack, a member of the Board. Judah Nadich was one of the first Conservative rabbis to include women in the minyan, and in further recognition of women’s role in modern life and the life of the synagogue, moved to grant *aliyot* to women. In 1960, the first woman to receive an *aliyah* at P.A.S. was his wife, Hadassah Nadich, who embodied women’s knowledge and involvement in the synagogue. In addition to welcoming thousands of congregants to their home, Mrs. Nadich conducted study courses, wrote articles and gave book reviews and talks. During this period, annual Friday evening services of the Sisterhood and Women’s Evening Group became more participatory. In 1974, as president of the Rabbinical Assembly, Rabbi Nadich proposed the ordination of women. It was not until 1985 however, that JTS ordained its first woman rabbi.

During this time, there were sermons or

speakers on both Friday night and Saturday mornings. Often, scriptural commentaries were given on Saturday mornings. This gave opportunities for Rabbi Nadich to cover contemporary issues on Friday evenings, such as the Jewish view of family, integration, and the relation between capital and labor. Judah Nadich was a strong and influential force for living Jewish values on a national scale. He led the post-Holocaust Park Avenue Synagogue congregation through the turbulent sixties. Thousands attended services after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Rabbi Nadich led the mourning and called for unwavering loyalty to America and its principles. Judah Nadich was an advocate for freedom and for the rights of all people. He was a leader in his admiration of Dr. Martin Luther King and called for renewed commitment to the civil rights movement before and after Dr. King’s murder.

Rabbi Nadich also “spoke of the space age in which we are now living and the possibility of utter destruction we are facing today.” “All of this,” he said, “places an additional responsibility upon religious leaders and teachers. The great need for mankind in this scientific age is to learn to live together. Religion can help us achieve that end.”

During his 30 years as rabbi, ties were strengthened with the Jewish Theological Seminary, and P.A.S. moved into place as its most important synagogue supporter financially. Moreover, some of our lay leadership were appointed to a United Synagogue Committee helping to define Conservative ideology. In 1986, JTS established the Rabbi Judah Nadich Chair in Talmud and presented him with the Seminary’s Centennial Medal for Achievement on the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

Rabbi Judah Nadich strove to maintain the commitment of P.A.S. to the State of Israel. He never forgot his wartime



experiences, and at one point was Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. Much synagogue effort was devoted to fundraising for Israel, and yearly programming would frequently have an educational and cultural connection to the developing state and its needs.

The congregation reached 1200 families during the Nadich years. A backlog of members awaited seat assignments, and more new members were expected. One of the highlights of Nadich's tenure was the multi-year effort to build the latest P.A.S. educational and community facility, the Rita and George M. Shapiro House, dedicated in 1980.

Services during Rabbi Nadich's tenure became more traditional. He adopted the prayerbooks of the Conservative movement, the *Sim Shalom* by Silverman, and the Hertz *Chumash*. A congregational *Kiddush* was instituted after every Shabbat service, and before long, congregants were offered the opportunity to sponsor the *Kiddush*. The Saturday Shabbat service was lengthened to its present form.

In 1958, with the support of the Men's Club, daily evening minyan prayer services were instituted. Rabbi Nadich also wanted a second morning prayer service each day, but could only arrange it once a month. *Selichot* services were also added.

#### JEWISH EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING

The Chairmen of the Board of P.A.S. consistently reminded the congregation that the adult education program was the fulfillment of the synagogue's purpose as a House of Study. Before Judah Nadich officially began his rabbinate at P.A.S., he worked with the Committee on Adult Education to plan the programs for his first year, which featured a 15-week course on "Great Ages and Ideas of the Jewish People." Rabbi Nadich brought in distinguished speakers and taught some topics himself.

Hebrew courses were a constant part of the offerings. This led to one of the most

significant programs of the renamed Sherr Institute of Adult Education. In February, 1974, 40 women participated in a group Adult B'not Mitzvah ceremony, the first in New York City.

Another enrichment offered to the congregation was the Shabbaton, which took on many forms. Topics have ranged from Dr. Pinhas H. Peli on the "The Crisis of Jewish Unity," focusing on religious life in Israel, to Lucy Dawidowicz, speaking in 1984 on "America is Different: Jews in the United States."



Rabbi Judah Nadich

With the establishment of the Cohen Library in 1957, the synagogue inaugurated another major facet of its educational program and hired its first professional librarian, Hilde Kisch. Early recognition, a citation by the Jewish Book Council, was quickly received.

#### RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

During this period, the biggest physical change was the new educational building, the Rita and George M. Shapiro House. It provided the framework for P.A.S.'s ongoing commitment to provide the best Jewish education in the city. Within the school program, materials changed, but a

bigger transformation came as the number of girls enrolled equaled that of boys.

During this period better teacher training and continuing education opportunities were developed and made available to the staffs of the Religious School and the Early Childhood Center.

Rabbi Judah Nadich and the School Board joined in organizing the Milton Steinberg School of Religious Studies (now Judah Nadich High School), which had its first graduation in 1959, and by 1967 had replaced Confirmation.

Rabbi Nadich changed the thrust of after-school activities, particularly for the post-bar/bat mitzvah ages, to have more Jewish content. P.A.S. affiliated with the United Synagogue Youth (USY) program of the Conservative movement. Camp Ramah, Jewish camping and summer programs were publicized and encouraged.

Establishing a nursery school was an additional goal when the Milton Steinberg House was planned. The Early Childhood Center finally opened in the fall of 1965 with 15 students in one class. The school was extremely popular from its opening day, and the most serious problem has been demand for the limited number of spaces.

#### FUNDRAISING AND THE ARMS

To fund the growing arms programming and meet short-term expenses, each arm was expected to have its own fundraisers, following Sisterhood's path. In 1958, Board Chairman Joseph Howard Katz said in his annual report, "Sisterhood has always taken seriously the special honor which has been bestowed upon it; the privilege of raising funds for the congregation." During that year, Sisterhood gave the synagogue equipment for the meat kitchen and a soundproof ceiling for the auditorium. Sisterhood led appeals for outside causes; their long-time bazaar was devoted to fundraising for United Jewish Appeal.

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## From Atop Mt. Scopus

“From atop Mt. Scopus,  
I bow down to you, Jerusalem.  
From atop Mt. Scopus,  
Shalom to you, Jerusalem.  
For your hundred generations, have I dreamed of you,  
Privileged to gaze upon the light of your countenance.  
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, light up your face for your child.  
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, from your ruins, I will rebuild you.”

**Ron Koas, Education Director**

**W**e are standing on Mt. Scopus inside the Hebrew University to celebrate Bar/Bat Mitzvah of our B’nai Mitzvah students who came with us to Israel, and I am crying. I am standing with them and leading the service with Cantor Nancy Abramson, and I am crying. The students are singing “From Atop Mt. Scopus” by A. Hameiri. At school we practiced the song, in Jerusalem they sang it with passion. When they sang it, I opened the curtains and Jerusalem was there in front of us, not just in our hearts, but real in pure gold. I studied for my Masters in Education at the Hebrew University but I never had a moment like this—so why am I crying?

So ... Jonathan, Julia, Jordan, Sam, Sarah, Ben, Alyssa, Hayley, Samuel, Carly, Rebecca, Gabrielle, Katy, Michael, Madeline, Joshua, Hannah, Sam, Joanna, Stephanie, Etty, Adam, Matthew, Josh, Elizabeth and Jack... thanks so much for giving me such a present—a moment of “*Nachas*.”

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## February Birthday Celebration

**Friday, February 1 | 6:15 pm**

Bring Shabbat into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at Park Avenue Synagogue. All children with February birthdays will be called up to the bimah and honored at our Birthday Celebration Service. Come as a family and celebrate.

**Contact** Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.

## Tot Kabbalat Shabbat

**Friday, February 29 | 5:00-6:00 pm**

Join us for Friday evening services for toddlers and pre-school aged children, parents, grandparents and friends.

**Friday, February 1** 25 Sh'vat

*Last Day Toddler Semester I*  
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service  
Children's Birthday Service

**Saturday, February 2** 26 Sh'vat

*Parashat Mishpatim*  
9:15 am Sanctuary Service  
*Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Goldberg*  
SON OF ERICA AND DR. ANDREW GOLDBERG  
10:15 am Jr. Congregation  
11:15 am Nitzanim Service

**Sunday, February 3** 27 Sh'vat

*CS Vav T'fillin* Buying Trip  
2:00 pm Scrapbook Art Workshop \$ ©  
6:00 pm Men's Club Superbowl Bash

**Wednesday, February 6** 30 Sh'vat

*Rosh Chodesh Adar I*  
*CS Hay Jewish Museum Visit*  
10:30 am Raising Your Jewish Child \$ ©

**Thursday, February 7** 1 Adar I

*Rosh Chodesh Adar I*  
New Semester *HaMishpachah Sheli* & JAMS  
5:00 pm *Gimel* Theology Siddur Cover  
Workshop in Appleman Chapel

**Friday, February 8** 2 Adar I

6:00 pm *CS Hay, Vav and Limud Kabbalat*  
*Service & Dinner*

**Saturday, February 9** 3 Adar I

*Parashat Terumah*  
9:15 am Sanctuary Service  
Annual Liturgical Musical Service  
*Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Wasserman*  
SON OF RANDI GOLDBERG AND STEVEN WASSERMAN  
9:30 am *Havurah Service*  
10:15 am Jr. Congregation  
11:15 am Tot Shabbat  
11:15 am Nitzanim Service

**Sunday, February 10** 4 Adar I

2:00 pm Scrapbook Art Workshop \$ ©  
*Rosh Chodesh: It's a Girl Thing!*  
*Kadima and Ruach Events*  
HS Community Service

**Wednesday, February 13** 7 Adar I

*CS Hay Jewish Museum Visit*

**Thursday, February 14** 8 Adar I

5:30 pm *CS Vav B'nai Mitzvah Seminar*

**Friday, February 15** 9 Adar I

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

**Saturday, February 16** 10 Adar I

*Parashat Tetzaveh*  
No School  
9:15 am Sanctuary Service  
*Bat Mitzvah of Sabrina Rizzi*  
DAUGHTER OF DR. LISA RIZZI AND STEVEN RIZZI

**Monday, February 18** 12 Adar I

Presidents Day  
Offices Closed  
No School

**Tuesday, February 19** 13 Adar I

No School

**Friday, February 22** 16 Adar I

6:15 pm *Kabbalat Shabbat Service*

**Saturday, February 23** 17 Adar I

*Parashat Ki Sisa*  
9:00 am *Shabbat HaKavod Service and Kiddush*

**Monday, February 25** 19 Adar I

5:30 pm *CS Zayin B'nai Mitzvah program*

**Tuesday, February 26** 20 Adar I

4:15 pm *Vav t'fillin Workshop*

**Thursday, February 28** 22 Adar I

4:15 pm *Vav t'fillin Workshop*

**Friday, February 29** 23 Adar I

5:00 pm *Tot Kabbalat Shabbat*  
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

CS = CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOL

ECC = EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Charity equals all other commandments. —*Talmud*

### **Kol Nidre Appeal 2007/5768**

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all those who have given to our annual *Kol Nidre Appeal* through December 19, 2007. Your generous donations help Park Avenue Synagogue maintain excellence in the dynamic programming we offer the congregation.

The *Kol Nidre Appeal* is one of the most important synagogue-wide fundraising campaigns that we conduct each year, and the funds that are raised help the annual synagogue operating budget in countless ways. We are under new financial pressure because:

MEMBERSHIP DUES account for only 36% of the \$8 million operating budget; and tuition accounts for another 39%; leaving 25% to be raised in other ways;

OUR SECURITY AND INSURANCE COSTS have more than tripled in recent years;

MAINTAINING OUR INSPIRING SANCTUARY AND LANDMARK FACILITY, parts of which date back to 1927, requires constant attention and improvement.

More than ever, we need your generous contributions. It is very important that all congregants contribute to this annual appeal.

Again, our heartfelt thanks to those who have given. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a *Kol Nidre* pledge, we look forward to hearing from you.

*B'shalom,*

**Marty Halbfinger, Treasurer**

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Harry Krieger, in honor of Susan Lincoln, Leah Modlin, Ernest Gottschalk and Marlene Muskin.  
Harry Krieger, in appreciation for the help given me by Barrie & Leah Modlin, Diane Jaffe and Laura Medine.

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Robert P. Antler, in honor of his birthday.

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Dr. Samuel & Anne Katz.

Alex Mackof, *in honor of Nicole Slaine on her 13th birthday.*

Sheila & Robert Miller, *in honor of their 40th anniversary.*

Sheila & Robert Miller, *in memory of Heidi Silverstone's mother, Barbara Michels.*

Sheila & Robert Miller, *in memory of Lenore Greenberg.*

Sylvan & Joan Scheffler, *in honor of Rabbi Stern's doctorate.*

Leonard M. Weintraub, *in honor of our priceless Rabbi David Lincoln.*

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Doris & Henry Murad, *Happy 80th birthday to Mark Lemelman.*

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## Yiddish Club Fund

Florence Solomon, *in honor of Sherry Cohen's leadership and devotion to the Park Avenue Synagogue Sisterhood.*

## Synagogue Offerings

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Robert Ceisler, *in memory of his beloved father, Ernest Ceisler.*

Charles Charrow, *in memory of his beloved father Saul Charrow.*

Esta & Wallace Chavkin, *in memory of Louis P. Greenberg and Dinah Chavkin.*

Carol Cohen, *in memory of her beloved father, Isidore Yavers.*

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Barbara Gertel Goltzer, *in memory of her beloved father, Samuel Gertel.*

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Stanley Kreinik, *in honor of his birthday.*

Stanley Kreinik, *in memory of his beloved father, Walter Kreinik.*

Stanley & Jane Kreinik, *in honor of their anniversary.*

Aron Krell, *in honor of his birthday.*

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Marion Levitt, *in memory of Barbara Michels, mother of Heidi Silverstone.*

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Robert Matthews, *in memory of his beloved mother, Rose Matthews.*

Sandra Mayerson, *in memory of her beloved father Manuel D. Mayerson.*

Martin Milston, *in memory of his beloved sister, Carol Convisser.*

Martin Milston, *in memory of his beloved father Louis Milston.*

Janet Moss, *in memory of her beloved husband Alan M. Moss.*

Janet Moss, *in memory of her beloved uncle, Sidney Teitelbaum.*

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Dr. Walter Peretz, *in memory of his beloved mother, Eva Peretz.*

Myra Pollack, *in memory of her beloved mother Bertha Kohn.*

Brian & Myra Pollack, *in honor of the wedding of Diane Pollack and Alex Ross.*

Lisa & Steven Rizzi, *in honor of Dr. Ethan Gologor on the publishing of his book.*

Mordecai Rochlin, *in memory of his beloved wife, Ruth Rochlin.*

Mordecai Rochlin, *in memory of his beloved mother, Bessie Rochlin.*

Mordecai Rochlin, *in honor of his birthday.*

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Maura Rosberger, *in memory of her beloved father, Irwin Leeds.*

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Andrew & Andrea Schnipper, *in honor of their anniversary.*

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Wendy, Howard & Samantha Slavin, *in memory of Barbara Michels, mother of Heidi Silverstone.*

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Jo Ann Small, *in memory of her beloved father, Murray M. Resnick.*

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Ellen Thomas, *in memory of her beloved mother, Gertrude Fluhr.*

Ray Treiger, *in memory of his beloved mother, Rose Treiger.*

Dr. Renee Waldinger, *in memory of her beloved mother Lee Maria Kessler.*

Jacelyn & Jared Wasserman, *in honor and appreciation on behalf of our son Justin Marc Wasserman's Pideyon Haben we had at the Synagogue.*

Tammy & Steven Weinfeld, *in honor of Jamie & Sam Lipman's B'nai Mitzvot.*

Selma Weintraub, *in honor of Joann Rosoff being honored by the Metropolitan Region of Women's League For Conservative Judaism for her work on behalf of Torah Fund of the Jewish Theological Seminary.*

Eileen Wolkstein, *in memory of Hilda Davidson.*

Ellen Yuder, *in memory of her beloved mother Edna Davidman*

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Roberta Zinbarg, *in memory of her beloved father, Max Goodman.*

## Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach

Bernice Meltzer *in support of the committee's work.*



## The Judah Nadich Years

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For a number of years, many of the arms sponsored theater parties, and as soon as the Women's Evening Group was up and running, they sponsored a fundraising party and auction. By 1960, dues only covered 80% of expenses and the arms could not fill the budgetary gap. The synagogue was forced to borrow substantial short-term funds, but it was not until 1965 that the dues structure was overhauled to increase revenue.

In the 1950s and 1970s, synagogue-wide fundraising appeals were limited to the building expansion capital campaigns. During the decade of the 1970s, fundraising for the new school building, about six million dollars in total, dominated the agenda. As soon as that was completed in 1982, the Board of Trustees reinstituted the *Kol Nidre* Appeal to plug yearly operating gaps, and that is the way it remains.

Milton Steinberg initiated the first synagogue-wide fundraising campaign for the Jewish Theological Seminary during the late 1930s, followed by the Israel Bonds Drive. The next campaign was authorized in 1951 for the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

### THE ARMS AND PROGRAMMING

During the period of 1957-1987, Sisterhood came to share the spotlight as other arms developed, aimed at additional congregational constituencies. Many of Sisterhood's fundraising events, particularly the annual luncheon and the bazaar, so important during the 50s and 60s, were less so by the 70s and 80s. Gone were the sewing circles and card parties. The Sisterhood became more involved in educational programming, co-sponsoring classes of the Sherr Institute. A number of its members studied Hebrew, and were among the first adult B'nai Mitzvah class. They were on the road, visiting the Jewish Museum, Jewish Guild for the Blind, and historical synagogues. Back in the building, they were the first to sponsor film programs and travel programs, particularly highlighting Israel.

During the 1960s and 1970s, the Mr.

and Mrs. Club sponsored the Annual Art Show, with merchandise for sale from \$25 to the thousands of dollars. Experts helped choose a selection of paintings from established and rising names in the art world, which would be brought to P.A.S. and displayed in the vestry rooms.

Women's Evening Group programming emphasized human rights and women's rights issues, as well as informational programs on health and beauty. One of the first female college presidents, Donna Shalala, of Hunter College of the City of New York spoke in 1984.

Support for Soviet Jewry was among the most important issues to our members and in synagogue programming, from the post-World War II years until the late 1980s when Soviet Union Jews won the right to emigrate to Israel and other countries. The Men's Club frequently spearheaded synagogue efforts to support this cause.

Sponsoring a Friday evening service has become a tradition for the arms, along with inviting an interesting speaker and at first, an *Oneg Shabbat* reception. When arms tried offering dinners for their members with the service, they were very well received. The Religious School also successfully sponsored Friday night services and dinners. The dinner component became so popular that in 1982, a program of congregational Shabbat dinners was inaugurated. These dinners were not always paired with programming, but were times for "good hearted fellowship, fine food, and Shabbat spirit." These dinners continue to the present day, now paired with the arms' Shabbat services or synagogue-wide programming.

### RABBI JUDAH NADICH'S ASSESSMENT

How did Rabbi Judah Nadich assess the congregation? At the 100th Anniversary celebration in 1982, he proudly stated:  
*Never have we had more members.*  
*Never have we had so many young members.*  
*Never have we had a better religious school system.*  
*Never have we had better programming and adult education.*  
*Never have we had better consistent attendance at daily and holiday services.*

## Celebrating a Simcha?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, or anything else for which you are grateful? Sponsor a breakfast *Kiddush* any weekday after our Morning Minyan.

**Contact** Lynn Schneider at the synagogue for more information, 212-369-2600.

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell*

## Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

Do you know someone ill, elderly, or homebound who would benefit from compassionate personal attention? The Park Avenue Synagogue *Bikur Cholim* Caring Committee reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee is comprised of trained volunteers who are committed to providing hands-on support and companionship to those valued members of our congregation. All interactions are confidential.

**To arrange for this mitzvah,** please call Rabbi Lincoln's office at 212-369-2600 ext. 120.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>3</div> <div>27 Sh'vat</div> <div>           9:00 am Men's Club World Wide Wrap            11:00 am Purim Spiel Rehearsal            2:00 pm Scrapbook Art Workshop \$ ©            6:00 pm Men's Club Superbowl Bash         </div>	<div>4</div> <div>28 Sh'vat</div> <div>           6:30 pm Adult Hebrew Levels I, II, Conv. \$ ©            7:30 pm Modern Hebrew \$ ©         </div>	<div>5</div> <div>29 Sh'vat</div> <div>           11:00 am Tuesday Topics            7:00 pm Fashion Retrospective         </div>	<div>6</div> <div>30 Sh'vat Rosh Chodesh Adar I</div> <div>           10:30 am Raising Your Jewish Child \$ ©            7:30 pm Moonbeams            8:00 pm Before the Stork         </div>	<div>7</div> <div>1 Adar I Rosh Chodesh Adar I</div> <div>11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn</div>	<div>8</div> <div>2 Adar I Light Candles: 5:03 pm</div> <div>           6:00 pm CS Hay, Vav and Limud Kabbalat Service &amp; Dinner ©            6:15 pm Friday Evening Service         </div>	<div>9</div> <div>3 Adar I Parashat Terumah</div> <div>           9:15 am Sanctuary Service            9:30 am Havurah Service            10:15 am Jr. Congregation            11:15 am Tot Shabbat            11:15 am Nitzanin Service            5:30 pm Mincha         </div>
<div>10</div> <div>4 Adar I</div> <div>           11:00 am Purim Spiel Rehearsal            2:00 pm Scrapbook Art Workshop \$ ©            Rosh Chodesh: It's a Girl Thing!            Kadina and Ruach Events            HS Community Service         </div>	<div>11</div> <div>5 Adar I</div> <div>           11:00 am Sisterhood Book Discussion            6:30 pm Adult Hebrew Levels I, II, Conv. * \$ ©  <small>*NOTE NO INTERMEDIATE</small>            7:30 pm Modern Hebrew \$ ©            8:00 pm Evening Book Discussion Group         </div>	<div>12</div> <div>6 Adar I</div> <div>           11:00 am Tuesday Topics            1:00 pm Sisterhood Yiddish Club            6:15 pm Men's Club Board            7:00 pm Great Synagogue Read-In: "As a Driven Leaf"         </div>	<div>13</div> <div>7 Adar I</div> <div>           7:00 pm Film Program: "For Your Consideration"         </div>	<div>14</div> <div>8 Adar I</div> <div>           11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn            5:00 pm CS Vav B'nei Mitzvah Seminar            7:30 pm Healing Service         </div>	<div>15</div> <div>9 Adar I Light Candles: 5:12 pm</div> <div>           6:15 pm Friday Evening Service            6:15 pm Men's Club Shabbat Service &amp; Dinner \$ ©         </div>	<div>16</div> <div>10 Adar I Parashat Tetzaveh</div> <div>No School 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 5:45 pm Mincha</div>
<div>17</div> <div>11 Adar I</div>	<div>18</div> <div>12 Adar I Presidents Day</div> <div>No School Offices Closed</div>	<div>19</div> <div>13 Adar I</div> <div>No School 11:00 am Tuesday Topics 2:00 pm Sisterhood Exec Board 7:30 pm PAS/JTS Home Study</div>	<div>20</div> <div>14 Adar I Purim Koton</div> <div>8:00 pm Hearing Men's Voices ©</div>	<div>21</div> <div>15 Adar I</div> <div>11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn</div>	<div>22</div> <div>16 Adar I Light Candles: 5:20 pm</div> <div>6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service</div>	<div>23</div> <div>17 Adar I Parashat Ki Sisa</div> <div>           9:00 am Shabbat HaKavod Service and Kiddush            9:15 am Sanctuary Service            5:45 pm Mincha         </div>
<div>24</div> <div>18 Adar I</div> <div>11:00 am Purim Spiel Rehearsal</div>	<div>25</div> <div>19 Adar I</div> <div>           5:30 pm CS Zayin B'nei Mitzvah Seminar            6:30 pm Adult Hebrew Levels I, II, Conv. \$ ©            7:30 pm Modern Hebrew \$ ©         </div>	<div>26</div> <div>20 Adar I</div> <div>11:00 am Tuesday Topics 1:00 pm Sisterhood Film</div>	<div>27</div> <div>21 Adar I</div>	<div>28</div> <div>22 Adar I</div> <div>11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn</div>	<div>29</div> <div>23 Adar I Light Candles: 5:28 pm</div> <div>           5:00 pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat            6:15 pm Friday Evening Service         </div>	<div>2</div> <div>26 Sh'vat Parashat Mishpatim</div> <div>           Last Day Toddler Semester I            6:15 pm Friday Evening Service            Children's Birthday Service         </div> <div>           9:15 am Sanctuary Service            10:15 am Jr. Congregation            11:15 am Nitzanin Service            5:30 pm Mincha         </div>

**Mincha** Sunday-Thursday: 5:45 pm. **Daily Minyanim** Monday-Friday: 7:15 am; Sundays/Legal Holidays: 9:00 am. **Hashkama** Saturdays and Yom Tov: 7:30 am.   
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## A Look Ahead

### Gala 2008

#### 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball

*With a Special Tribute to Rabbi David H. Lincoln*

**Saturday, March 1, 2008 | 7:30 pm | Gotham Hall New York**

**For more information, or to get involved, please contact Co-chairs**

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#### Purim Spiel | March 20

We will celebrate Purim traditionally with an un-traditional, eye-opening, ear-bending, fun-filled Purim Spiel, presented by our clergy, staff, and members of the congregation.

#### Hands on Hamantaschen—a Hamantaschen Making Event! | March 19 | 7:00 pm

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**For more information, or to RSVP, contact Stephanie Leichter at [stephanie.leichter@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.leichter@gmail.com) or 212-860-8113 or Rochelle Ludwig at [rochelleludwig@gmail.com](mailto:rochelleludwig@gmail.com) or 212-535-3634.**

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